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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Response to appeal brief

1. In view of the appeal brief filed on 5/23/05, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED.

A new ground of rejection set forth below.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

(1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,

(2) request reinstatement of the appeal.

If reinstatement of the appeal is requested, such request must be accompanied by a supplemental appeal brief, but no new amendments, affidavits (37 CFR 1.130, 1.131 or 1.132) or other evidence are permitted. See 37 CFR 1.193(b)(2).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-20 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ta (U.S. patent 5,500,715)

Regarding claim 1 and 16 Ta et al disclose: A method of configuring a printer, the method comprising: creating a printer menu structure (note Fig.1 item 104, column 7 lines 45-52 where the user is able to structure a print menu by selecting from the pc

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selection menu a set of desired or relevant option from the p set up menu) and installing the printer menu structure on the printer (note Fig.2, block 202, column 8 lines 31-34 where in the set up options structured or selected from the pc menu is put on the printer by inserting the diskette inside the printer) wherein the printer menu structure is installed on an erasable storage device in the printer (note again Fig.2, column 8 lines 32-34 where the structured menu prepared is stored in the printer by inserting the diskette into the printer).

Regarding claim 2 Ta et al disclose: A method as recited in claim 1 wherein installing the printer menu structure replaces any menu structure previously installed on the printer (note column 8 lines 58-62 where the other print options are overwritten automatically).

Regarding claim 3 Ta et al disclose: A method as recited in claim 1 wherein installing the printer menu structure extends any menu structure previously installed on the printer (note Fig.2 block 204, column 8 lines 35-40 where user is able to edit the menu and add to the print option which was chosen before the insertion of the diskette).

Regarding claim 4 Ta et al disclose: A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising simulating operation of the printer menu structure prior to installing the printer menu structure on the printer (note column 4 lines 55-63).

Regarding claim 5 Ta et al disclose: A method as recited in claim 1 wherein creating a printer menu structure includes creating a hierarchy of menu elements (note Fig.3 item 310 column 7 lines 50-60 the monitor where the options are loaded and can be vary

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wildly and categorically such as print resolution, quality of prints to be make, the sheet media type and etc).

Regarding claim 6 Ta et al disclose: A method as recited in claim 5 wherein each menu element has an associated menu element type and an associated action (note column 7 lines 50-65 where the each designated option is set for the specific action such as selection of print resolution or media type).

Regarding claim 7 Ta et al disclose: A method as recited in claim 1 wherein creating a printer menu structure includes associating an icon with at least one menu element in the printer menu structure (note column 7 lines 52-60 where the menu item are displayed on the monitor 310).

Regarding claim 8 Ta et al disclose: A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the method is performed by an end-user of the printer (note column 7 lines 45-50).

Regarding claim 9 Ta et al disclose: A method as recited in claim 1 wherein creating a printer menu structure includes determining the arrangement of a plurality of menu elements on a printer display panel (note Fig.3 the display monitor 310 and wherein the menu elements are listed, column 7 lines 51-55).

Regarding claim 10. A computer-readable memory containing a computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim 1 (note column 5 lines 9-17).

Regarding claim 11 Ta et al disclose: A printer comprising: a display panel (note Fig.4 item 14, column 4 lines 52-57) to display a plurality of menu elements (note column 4 lines 54-55) a user interface coupled to the display panel to allow a user to select

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among the plurality of menu elements and a data communication interface coupled to the display panel to allow the printer to receive a printer menu structure from a remote device (note Fig.4 item 14, column 4 lines 58-64 where the user interface 14 would allow user the selection of the specific menu options).

Regarding claim 12 Ta et al disclose: An apparatus as recited in claim 11 wherein the data communication interface is a network interface (note column 8 lines 9-10).

Regarding claim 13 Ta et al disclose: An apparatus as recited in claim 11 wherein the printer is a laser printer (note column 5 lines 18-24).

Regarding claim 14 Ta et al disclose: An apparatus as recited in claim 11 wherein the user interface is a touch-sensitive screen positioned proximate the display panel (note Fig.4, column 4, lines 52-60).

Regarding claim 15 Ta et al disclose: An apparatus as recited in claim 11 further comprising a memory device coupled to the data communication interface to store a printer menu structure received from the remote device (note column 8 lines 10-20).

Regarding claim 17 Ta et al disclose: One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 16 wherein installing the printer menu structure replaces any menu structure previously installed on the printer (note column 8 lines 58-62 where the other print options are overwritten automatically).

Regarding claim 18 Ta et al disclose: One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 16 further comprising simulating operation of the printer menu structure prior to installing the printer menu structure on the printer (note Fig.2 block 204, column

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8 lines 35-40 where user is able to edit the menu and add to the print option which was chosen before the insertion of the diskette).

Regarding claim 19 Ta et al disclose: One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 16 wherein creating a printer menu structure includes creating a hierarchy of menu elements (note Fig.3 item 310 column 7 lines 50-60 the monitor where the options are loaded and can be vary wildly and categorically such as print resolution, quality of prints to be make, the sheet media type and etc).

Regarding claim 20 Ta et al disclose: One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 16 wherein creating a printer menu structure includes creating a hierarchy of menu elements, and each menu element has an associated menu element type and an associated action (note column 7 lines 50-65 where the each designated option is set for the specific action such as selection of print resolution or media type).

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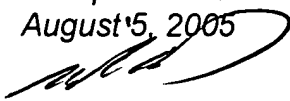
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